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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON MIDDLE EAST IN CLINTON,
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SO THE FIRST PREREQUISITE OF A LASTING PEACE IS THE
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